

## FEARFUL TRAGEDY ABOARD "GEORGIA"

Explosion in Superimposed Turret Kills 6 and Injures 13.

## TRAPPED LIKE RATS IN A CAGE

Hundred-Pound Bag of Powder Roasts Officers and Men, Who Are Powerless to Escape. Two Crawl from Death Trap and Jump Into the Sea.

BOSTON, July 15.—By the explosion of a case of powder in the hands of a gunner in the after-superimposed turret of the battleship Georgia, in Massachusetts Bay to-day, eight men were killed and fifteen injured. Not one of the persons in the turret escaped injury.

**The Dead.**  
William J. Thatcher, chief turret captain, Wilmington, Del.; Paul Kner Goldthwaite, midshipman, Kentucky; W. J. Burke, ordinary seaman, Quincy, Mass.; G. C. Hamilton, ordinary seaman, South Framingham, Mass.; W. M. Thomas, ordinary seaman, Newport, R. I.; George E. Miller, ordinary seaman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; William F. Fair, ordinary seaman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Lieutenant Caspar Goodrich, New York.

**Injured.**  
Midshipman John T. Cruise, Nebraska; Frank Schlapp, North Adams, Mass.; boatwain's mate, second class, Charles Russell, New York, gunner's mate, first class, Orley Tagland, Richmond, Minn., chief yeoman; J. G. Thomas, ordinary seaman, Brooklyn, N. Y.; E. L. Rosenberg, ordinary seaman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Edward J. Walsh, ordinary seaman, Lynn, Mass.; John O. Mallick, ordinary seaman, Cleveland, Ohio; John A. Bush, ordinary seaman, New York; L. O. Meene, ordinary seaman, Berea, Ohio; H. L. Gilbert, ordinary seaman, Southwick, Mass.; John A. Bone, ordinary seaman, Trenton, N. J.; Charles L. Eich, ordinary seaman, Frankford, Ind.

**Two Jumped Overboard.**  
Lieutenant Goodrich and Seaman Ma-Jeck jumped overboard immediately after the explosion, with the apparent motive of ending the terrible suffering from their burns. Both of the men were quickly rescued by uninjured comrades.

The accident happened while the battleship was several miles off Provincetown, and the men were engaged in target practice, together with other vessels of the battleship fleet, of the Atlantic fleet. The powder had just been taken from the ammunition hoist to load an eight-inch gun. It was seen to be burning and in an instant it exploded in the very face of the leader of the gun. No damage was done to the vessel, as the powder was confined, and early this evening, under orders from Washington, the Georgia sailed back to the target grounds of Provincetown.

**Cause Unknown.**  
How the powder became ignited is not known, but the theory held by the navy is that it was set off by a spark from the smokestack of the warship. Immediately after the accident the Georgia headed for the Charleston Navy-Yard. There the dead and injured were taken ashore, the wounded men being conveyed to the naval hospital at Chelsea.

The Georgia is one of the battleships of the second division of the Atlantic Fleet, which has been at target practice off Provincetown for the last two weeks. The Georgia is one of the newest battleships in the navy, having been in commission only about two months. She is commanded by Captain Richard McCrea.

The explosion occurred in the after superimposed turret. The guns in the forward turrets had finished eight rounds of practice, and the guns in the after turret had fired one round. Two cases, as the big 100-pound bags of powder are called, had just been sent up through the ammunition hoist, and were in the arms of the loader.

**Shouted a Warning.**  
The loader stood at the breach of one of the guns, all ready to insert the charge. At this instant the turret was seen to be smoky, and two men who stood near the loader saw a black spot on the bag, indicating that the charge had ignited and was smoldering. The loader discovered the spot at the same instant, and threw himself forward on his face, at the same time shouting a warning to his turret-mates. The other men who had seen the spot were Elch and Hansell, and they also threw themselves on the floor of the turret.

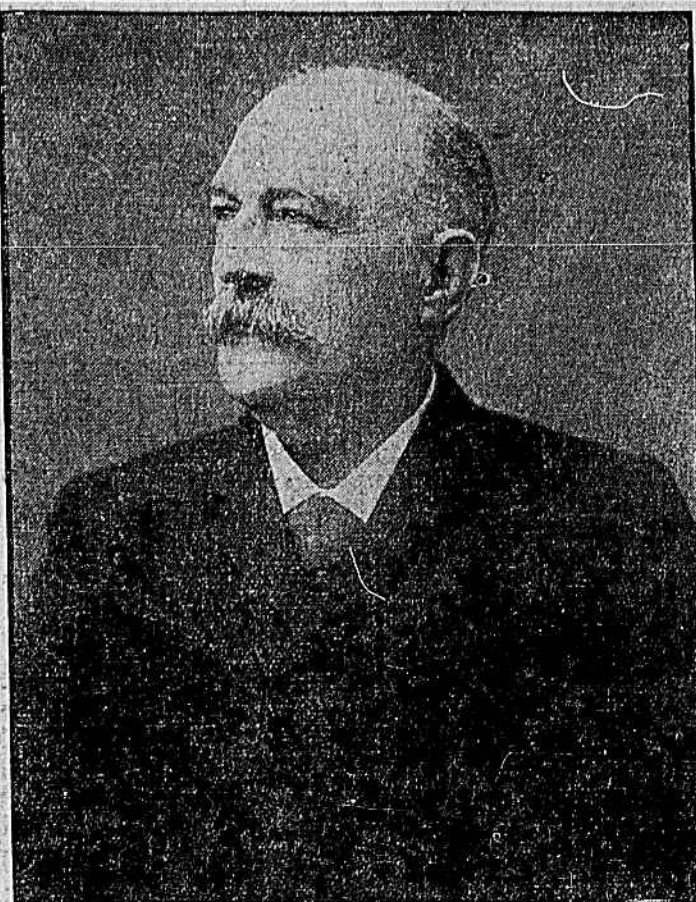
Before the other men in the turret could understand the loader's cry of warning there was a blinding flash as the burning powder exploded. Flames, smoke and poisonous gases filled the turret, and the men were trapped like rats in a cage. The powder was not confined there as no report, nor did the vessel suffer any injury, but every nook and cranny of the turret was filled with flame. The loader, who was of course nearest the powder, was terribly burned, as was every other man in the turret with the exception of Elch and Hansell, who, although scorched, escaped with injuries much less severe than the others.

**Prisoners in Turret.**  
Blinded by the smoke and flame, choked by the gaseous fumes and maddened with pain the men screamed in agony. Some staggered blindly up the ladder to the hatchways in the top of the turret, while others crept along the turret bagging pitifully for assistance. Lieutenant Goodrich and Seaman Ma-Jeck became crazed, staggered up the iron ladder to the top of the turret and then threw themselves headlong into the sea in a despairing effort to choose a death by drowning in preference to death by slow fire.

When the smoke of the burning powder had cleared away, the shipmates of the unfortunate men rushed to their assistance and tenderly the sufferers were lifted out of the fire-blackened turret and quickly conveyed to the ship's hospital, where their

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## WELL-KNOWN PHYSICIAN DEAD



DR. ISAIAH H. WHITE,  
Well-known Richmond physician, who died last night.

## WILL PROSECUTE SOUTHERN AGENT

Governor Glenn Employs Strong Counsel to Conduct Case Against T. E. Green.

## URGES MANY INDICTMENTS

Executive Issues Letter to Superior Court Judges Asking for Instruction to Grand Juries.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
RALEIGH, N. C., July 15.—Governor R. B. Glenn announces the retention of former Governor Charles B. Aycock, Speaker of the House and S. G. Ryan, of Raleigh, as special counsel to assist Solicitor Armistead Jones in the prosecution of the Southern Railroad Company for selling tickets at more than the 2 1/4 cent rate, the case being the true bill returned in which T. E. Green, ticket agent, is to be arrested. No subpoena has yet been issued for Green, but it is expected at any time.

Evidently the delay has been for the purpose of allowing the Governor to get together the counsel to aid in the conduct of the case. These he has now provided, and they and the Governor were in conference some time to-day.

The Governor gave out an interview this afternoon in which he heartily approves the course of Judge Long. He says a careful investigation of the situation shows that a great wrong has been done the State by the railroad company, and that he has felt it his duty to address a letter to all the judges of Superior Courts in the State. In this letter he reviews the situation, and asks that they properly instruct the grand juries so that bills may be returned in their courts similar to those instituted in Wake.

## WANTS LAW TESTED.

He tells them he does not want the roads mulcted in costs and expenses of such litigation, but he wants enough cases instituted to test every phase of the situation in the interest of the people of North Carolina. He takes the ground that the railroads should all have done as some have and given the new law a fair test, and says that he has assured all of them that if this were done and the rate was found to be anything like ruinous to their business he would call a special session of the Legislature and repeal it, giving them a rate that was fair.

He says he desires no conflict between the State and Federal courts, and that there can be none, if the plain letter of the law is followed. The indictment against the railroads, he says, will raise the constitutionality of the act, and the right of the Federal judge to abrogate it before declaring it unconstitutional.

Late this evening the grand jury returned additional true bills against W. A. Pleasant, Morrisville, and J. A. Pleasant, agent at Garner, both in this county. The service of special subpoenas on all these, and especially Green, in Raleigh, is expected to-morrow.

Counsel for the Corporation Commission in the original indictment proceeding to-morrow here for a conference to-morrow.

## DISGRACE TO CITY REPORT DECLARES

Conditions at City Home Not Remedied, Notwithstanding Recent Action.

## ORDINANCES ALL ASLEEP

Subcommittee Presents New Report, and Says More Will Come Later.

Sharp criticism of conditions at the City Home enlivened a session of the Committee on the Relief of the Poor, which was held last night, and which promised in the beginning to be quiet enough.

Considerable routine business, such as approving bills and pay-rolls and awarding contracts was disposed of without any hitch, except that all the bids to furnish the almshouses with wood were laid on the table until the next meeting of the committee, which, it is understood, will be held early next week. The contract for anthracite coal was awarded to Nelson & Ladd, the lowest bidders, and that for steam coal went to Murphy & Company.

**Report of Committee.**  
These matters being disposed of and the committee thinking it was ready to adjourn to give the Aldermen present a chance to take part in the Richmond Day controversy that was on in the Council chamber, a motion to adjourn was about to be made, when Dr. Ennion Williams read the following report from a subcommittee, creating lengthy discussion:

Your subcommittee, appointed to visit the City Home, submits the following report:

On account of the difficulty of finding it convenient for the members to meet at the Home together, our report is not as thorough as we hope to make it at subsequent meetings.

On January 21st, nearly six months ago, the subcommittee that made an inquiry into the situation at the City Home made its report, with a number of recommendations. At that meeting the recommendations were approved. As most of them required the approval of other committees and the action of the Council, the Committee on Relief of the Poor ordered that proper ordinances be prepared and sent to the Council.

We know not where these ordinances or resolutions are at present resting, but we do know that the unfortunate conditions which they were designed to correct continue to exist, to the detriment of the Department of the Relief of the Poor and to the disgrace of the city.

Two months ago the superintendent and surgeon were requested to inquire into the drugs and surgical supplies and report in writing whether or not the bills could be reduced without impairing the efficiency of the service. They have not done so. The bills are still very large. The matter needs

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## CONSOLIDATION OF TWO DEPARTMENTS

Engineering and Water to Be Brought Together With Bolling at Head.

## INVESTIGATION BY COMMITTEE

Resolution, Approved by Colonel Cutshaw, Adopted at Meeting Held Last Night—Present Chief of Department Will Probably Be Consulting Engineer.

For several days the office of the City Engineer and its management have been the subject of quiet discussion among Councilmen. The discussion has been on the streets and in the places of business of the members of both branches of the City Legislature. It is the unanimous opinion of the members of the two branches, as it is of the citizens of Richmond generally, that the management of the City Engineer's Department, under Colonel W. E. Cutshaw, has been clean and above suspicion. However, the City Fathers are of the opinion that owing to the advanced age and the increasing infirmities of the City Engineer and to the enlarged duties devolving upon the department, the time has come for a change.

**Committee Appointed.**  
The Street Committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon and after routine business had been disposed of Mr. Pollock offered a resolution, which he declared would be approved by the Council, to the effect that the City Engineer, Colonel Cutshaw, and which called for the appointment of a subcommittee of three to investigate the City Engineer's office and report what changes in its management are advisable. The resolution was adopted, and Messrs. Donnelly, Berman and Pollock were named on the subcommittee.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen last night Vice-President Gunst offered a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to perform similar duty, but upon being informed that the Committee on Streets, which usually looks after the office of the City Engineer, had already taken the matter in hand and had done so practically at Colonel Cutshaw's request, Mr. Gunst withdrew his resolution.

The whole matter has been so fully discussed by the members of the Council and by city officials generally that the plan to be probably adopted in the end may be clearly outlined. The plan which has found favor among the Councilmen, and which may be said to be practically agreed upon, contemplates the consolidation of the Engineer's Department with the Water Department. Mr. E. Bolling, becoming consulting engineer.

This plan, it is understood, will not only be perfectly satisfactory to all parties, but will reduce the expenses of the departments involved and result generally in improved business. However, upon investigation, the subcommittee may evolve a different plan that will be more acceptable to the Council. There were rumors yesterday of other suggestions that may be made, but in the City Hall last night, where nearly all the members of the two branches were seen, none, except the practical consolidation of the Water and Engineering Department, seemed to find favor.

## "UNASSOCIATION MAN" IS ROUGHLY HANDLED.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., July 15.—News reached here to-day that a band of between thirty and forty "night-riders" visited the farm of J. W. Barefield, in Trigg county, Saturday midnight, fired a number of shots at the house and took Mr. Barefield into the woods, where it is reported he was roughly dealt with. Barefield is a strong unassociation man and had been warned to join or suffer the consequences. Some time ago his tobacco was taken from the barn and thrown into a pond.

## Everybody Go!

The employers and managers of industries in Richmond are earnestly urged to extend every facility to those of their employ who are in the Richmond military companies to allow them to make the trip to the exposition on Thursday. The city has appropriated the funds for carrying down the troops as the city's guest, and the success of the Richmond Day is largely dependent upon their presence. The committee hope that the employers generally will allow all of their employees that can go, or will go, to make the trip on Thursday. The people of Richmond never before had an opportunity to see as much at small cost.

CARLTON MCCARTHY, R. L. PETERS, ROBERT LECKY.

## MAY HEAD NEW DEPARTMENT



C. E. BOLLING,  
Superintendent of Water Department, who may be made head of consolidated departments.

## ANTLERED HERD TAKE QUAKER TOWN

Danville Delegation Make Hit With Fans of Tobacco Leaves.

## ROYAL WELCOME TO ELKS

Governor Stuart Extends a Welcome to the State of Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 16.—S. A. M.—The Richmond Elks have not yet arrived. They are held up at Danville, Pa., owing to a railway riot. They should be in to-morrow morning.

PHILADELPHIA, July 15.—The forty-third grand lodge session of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was formally opened here to-night at the Grand Opera House, when the visiting delegates and members of the organization were welcomed to the city on behalf of the Elks' Rounlon Committee by Daniel J. Shearn.

Congressman J. Hampton Moore made the address of welcome on behalf of Philadelphia Lodge No. 2, Mayor Reyburn greeted the delegates on behalf of the municipality; Governor Edwin Stuart welcomed the Elks to the State of Pennsylvania, and Grand Exalted Ruler Judge Henry A. Melvin responded to the welcomes.

The first large entertainment for the visitors was given to-day at a park on the Delaware where about 1,300 guests sat down to a sea-food dinner.

Train-load after train-load of Elks from far and near are pouring in, and were welcomed by their local brethren and out-of-town Elks, who reached here yesterday or earlier. Bedecked with badges and the colors of the order, the purple and white, as the delegates, their wives and families stepped down for the cars, it was to be greeted with a chorus of "Hello Bills!" hearty handshakes and cheers, which left no doubt in their minds of the heart-welcome that awaited them.

**Danville Makes a Hit.**  
Representing Danville, Va., Lodge No. 27, twenty people arrived to-day and are scattered among different hotels. They will not appear in the parade and are not in an organized body.

Fast Exalted Ruler James Ingram, the delegate to the grand lodge, is at the Planders, where he exhibited a novelty the Virginians are carrying. They are very proud of the fact that Danville is the largest market in the world for loose leaf tobacco, and have brought fans in the shape of beautiful tobacco leaves pasted on a paper support and bearing the seal of the lodge and an inscription telling about Danville's claim to fame. Following the session at Grand Opera House the Elks adjourned to City Hall Plaza for the "11 o'clock toast." All the lights on the Court of Honor and City Hall were extinguished promptly at 10:55. For sixty seconds there was darkness and silence. Then the lights again blazed forth, and everybody sang "Should Aid Acquaintance be Forgotten."

## GREEKS APPEAL FOR PROTECTION

Tell Consul-General That Roanoke Police Cannot Protect Them.

## ROOT TAKES UP MATTER

Writes Governor Swanson, Who Assures Government He Will Look After Greeks.

NEW YORK, July 15.—I. C. Maximov, acting consul-general of Greece at New York, to-day made representations to Secretary of State Root at Washington protesting against the action of the mob at Roanoke, Va., on Saturday night, when several Greek restaurants and places of business were wrecked during the progress of a riot, and asking that the Greeks be given the full, best possible protection of the law. A telegram was received at the consulate here from Roanoke, signed by one hundred and fifty Greeks, appealing for protection against a mob of rioters. The Greeks telegraphed that the Roanoke police were unable to cope with the situation and afford them protection from the rioters.

## Appeal to Governor.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—The State Department to-day received a telegram from Acting Greek Consul-General Maximov at New York transmitting a report of the rioting at Roanoke Saturday night involving an attack upon Greek business places there, and invoking the protection of the State Department. The message was immediately transmitted by the State Department to Governor Swanson at Richmond, with the request for a report on the subject. The Governor's reply reached the department at the closing hour, and was of a most reassuring character. He expressed full confidence in the ability of the Roanoke municipal authorities to maintain order, and promises that in any event, he himself will look after the safety of the Greeks in that city. He promises to make a detailed report to the State Department as soon as he can secure the information which he is now seeking.

## Governor Will Help.

Governor Swanson has been asked by the Department of State at Washington to report upon the Roanoke riot, which took place on Saturday night, and to afford such protection to the Greeks of that city as he deemed necessary. The Governor has shown a good deal of activity in the matter. He wired the State Department yesterday that he would make a formal report when all the facts were available, and that he was sure the situation would be capably handled by the Roanoke municipal authorities. Meanwhile the Governor communicated with Mayor Cutchin, of Roanoke, and told him he was ready to assist him to any extent which might be found necessary. The Governor thinks the rioting is over, and that there will be no more trouble as a result of Saturday night's disturbance.

## TO INVESTIGATE ROANOKE RIOT

Grand Jury Summoned to Meet This Morning—Probably Re-imburse Greeks.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, Va., July 15.—A special grand jury has been summoned for to-morrow morning to investigate the recent riot in which the Greek restaurants were wrecked. Acting Commonwealth's Attorney Altizer says he has sufficient evidence to indict a number of persons who were participants in the riot.

The penalty in this State for rioting, or damaging a building, is from two to five years in the penitentiary. Both

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## SUCCESS OF GREAT DAY NOW ASSURED

Aldermen Grant Appropriation and All Richmond Prepares to Attend.

## PARADE LATER IN AFTERNOON

Hour Changed at Request of General Grant—Military Commands Here to Go—Everybody at Work to Make Celebration the Best Ever Known.

## Richmond Day Pointers

Go!  
Go early!  
Go on Wednesday, if possible, and make room for others on Thursday.  
Organize a congenial party, and take a lunch basket.  
Wear a Richmond badge, and let everybody know that Richmond is the best place on earth to visit.  
Have a good word to say for the exposition.  
Persuade your friends to go along.  
Check your baggage and lunch box at the Richmond Building.  
Get your gate ticket before leaving Richmond.  
Visit the Richmond and Virginia Buildings.  
Assemble at the Inside Inn at 11 o'clock on Thursday to meet all the other Richmonders, and walk with them to the reviewing stand.  
There are enough trains and enough seats for everybody.  
There is no need of pushing.

That Richmond Day at the Jamestown Exposition will prove an event of signal importance not only to the capital city, but to the great Virginia show, as well, is now assured.

With the last possible complication disposed of by the action of the Board of Aldermen last night in granting the appropriation of \$3,250, steps were at once taken to perfect all plans for the day, and the prospect now is that the celebration will be the most successful of its sort ever known in Richmond. Opposition in the Board, led by Mr. Turpin, who made an attack on the exposition, was confined to three members—Messrs. Turpin, Gunst and Mann—while fifteen lined up on the other side, several making strong speeches. Between now and to-morrow night, much more work will be done, and the morning of Thursday will find all of Richmond assembled at the great exposition, with banners flying, bands playing, and minds bent on showing to the world that the Board of Aldermen, the City Council, the Board of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce, the Travelers' Protective Association and a number of other commercial and civic organizations.

It has been a long time since Richmond has been so stirred by an event happening outside of her bounds, and the interest Richmond people are taking in the exposition and the pride they have in the representation of the city on Richmond Day is gratifying to all.

The joint committee met last night in one of the committee rooms, the City Hall, there being present President Peters, Mayor McCarthy and Mr. Robert Lecky, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce general committee. Representatives of the militia were invited to confer with the committee, and Major E. W. Bowles, of the Blues, and Captain W. M. Myers, of the Howitzers, were present. Mr. C. H. Bosley, passenger agent of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, was also present before the committee in the interests of his road.

**Military to Be There.**  
In concurrence with the previous understanding, the committee arranged for the presence of the military on Richmond Day, it being agreed that the Richmond companies of the Seventeenth Regiment, with staff and drum corps, and the Richmond Howitzers should go down on the City Council train, leaving from Byrd Street station over the Norfolk and Western at 6 A. M. sharp. The members of the City Council, the Board of Aldermen, the heads of the various departments of the city government, with their families and friends, will also go on this train.

Major Bowles requested that if it were practicable, arrangement be made for the Blues Battalion, with staff and band, to go by boat, and an attempt will be made to reserve a section of the Pocahontas, leaving here late Wednesday night. This arrangement was made in order that the Blues might carry down their full dress uniforms, and while on the Boat dress for the afternoon parade.

The Chamber of Commerce special train, with seats for 500 people, will leave over the Chesapeake and Ohio at 10 A. M. sharp. Captain Myers, of the Howitzers,